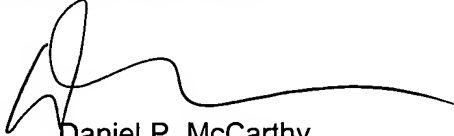


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter into each of them. Claims rejected under § 112 and § 101 have been cancelled. Terminal disclaimers are enclosed to address the double patenting rejections.

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of the application. If any other fees are due, those fees should be charged to deposit account no. 50-0581.

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